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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)

Case No.	ANTICIPATED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS APPLICATION		PRIOR APPLICATION EXAMINER	PRIOR ART UNIT
	CLASS	SUBCLASS		
9281/4733			Yoshiyuki Kikuchi et al.	2182

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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1), of pending prior application number 09/471,837, filed on December 23, 1999, entitled PERSONAL COMPUTER SYSTEM.

- ☒ Copy of the application, including 34 pages of Application (including title page), 4 sheets of drawings, and the following Appendices _____.
- ☒ Copy of the Declaration filed in the Prior application.
- ☐ PTO Form 1449 and Information Disclosure Statement.

CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	48 - 20 =	28	x \$ 18 =	\$504.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	11 - 3 =	8	x \$ 84 =	\$672.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$280 =	\$ 0
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))	\$ 770.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$1946.00
				Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	\$
				TOTAL =	\$1946.00

- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27
☐ is enclosed.
☐ was filed in prior application number _____ and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Enclosed is a check for \$1946.00 to cover the filing fees.
- ☒ Cancel in this application claims 21-22 of the prior application and otherwise enter the attached preliminary amendment before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).
- ☒ The inventors of the invention being claimed in this application are: Yoshiyuki Kikuchi, Shoji Suzuhi, Kouichi Miura, and Akihisa Itoh.
- ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: _____.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/471,837 filed December 23, 1999 and is now United States Patent No., _____, which is incorporated herein by reference."

11. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
12. ☐ Priority of foreign application number _____, filed on _____ in _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application number _____, filed
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Alps Electric Co., Ltd.
15. ☒ Also enclosed: Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449 and postcard evidencing receipt of same.
16. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: James A. Collins and other attorneys at the firm of BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE.
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☒ Address all future correspondence to: (may only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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☐ Filed under 37 CFR 1.34(a)
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